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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6772**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 235

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 29, 2005

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Special Group Recognition License Plates.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Gard

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
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                          **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill has the following provisions.

*Special Group Plate on a Motorcycle* - The bill authorizes a special group recognition license plate to be displayed on a motorcycle.

*Required Sales or Renewal Amount* - The bill requires, after January 1, 2007, certain special groups that participate in the special group recognition license plate program to sell or renew at least 4,000 plates the first 4 years of a 5-year cycle in order to continue participating in the program.

*The BMV May Collect, Deposit, and Distribute the \$25 Annual Fee* - The bill also provides that: (1) special groups that participate in the program may request that the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) collect a \$25 annual fee on behalf of the group; (2) the fee then is deposited by the BMV in a trust fund for the special group established by the State Treasurer; and (3) on June 30 of each year, the commissioner of the BMV distributes the money from the fund to the special group.

*Disclosure Prohibition* - It prohibits the BMV from disclosing information that identifies certain persons to whom special group license plates have been issued.

*Collection Fee Procedure* - It also sets the procedure for collection of the annual fee by the BMV.

*Technical Correction* - The bill also makes a technical correction.

*Repeals Current Law* - The bill repeals the current law governing the termination of issuance of special group

recognition license plates.

*Appropriation* - This bill makes an appropriation.

**Effective Date:** Upon passage; July 1, 2006.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** *Special Group Plate on a Motorcycle* - Prison Enterprise Network (PEN Products), the manufacturing and sales arm of prison-made products, charges the BMV \$1.50 for each motorcycle plate, \$2.00 if the plate is embossed. The funds affected are PEN Products Revolving Fund and the Motor Vehicle Highway Account (MVHA), which supports the BMV. The specific impact will depend upon the number of special recognition motorcycle plates produced.

*Background Information:* In CY 2004, there were 149,921 motorcycles registered in the state, while 305,000 special recognition license plates were issued during the same period.

*Required Sales or Renewal Amount* - The bill limits the number of special recognition license plates that can be issued, thereby reducing expenditures associated with the production of these plates. For 5-year plate cycles beginning after December 31, 2006, at least 4,000 plates must be sold or renewed during the first 4 years of the cycle. Current statute provides a threshold of 2,000 plates. The funds affected are the PEN Products Revolving Fund and the Motor Vehicle Highway Account.

[Note: A complete list of specialty license plate sales for the period 1994-2004 is available in the Office of Fiscal and Management Analysis.]

*The BMV May Collect, Deposit, and Distribute the \$25 Annual Fee; Collection Fee Procedure* - Expenditures associated with these provisions are expected to be minimal and can be implemented within the existing resources available to the BMV. The fund affected is the MVHA.

*Appropriation* - The bill continuously appropriates money in the newly created trust funds for the purposes of the fund. Money in the respective trusts funds at the end of the state fiscal year does not revert to the state General Fund.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Bureau of Motor Vehicles; Bureau of Motor Vehicles Commission; State Treasurer.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:** Mike Barnhart, Legislative Liaison of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, 317-233-1218; BMV Specialty Plates Sales, 1994-2004; PEN Products Pricing List.

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